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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN/DRAPER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. ONLY CLASHES STILL REPORTED ANYWHERE IN LEBANON ARE TRADITIONALLY HOT SUBURBS OF AIN RUMANNEH-SHIAH. HIGHER MILITARY COMMITTEE DECIDED YESTERDAY TO SEND LEBANESE ARMY BACK INTO DAMOUR, JIYE AND DUBAYE REFUGEE CAMP AREA. ARMY WILL ALSO BE PUT IN CONTROL OF ROAD TO AIRPORT AND AREA OF THE PORT, FROM WHICH ARMED ELEMENTS ARE TO BE REMOVED.

2. ALSO ENCOURAGING ARE PUBLIC STATEMENTS BEING

MADE BY PHALANGE AND CHAMOUNIST PARTY REPS EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN SYRIAN COMMITMENT TO APPLY CAIRO ACCORD TO PALESTINIAN-LEBANESE RELATIONSHIPS. FRANGIE INTIMATE DR. LUCIEN DAHHDAH WHO HAS BEEN HIGHLY VISIBLE AS EMISSARY TO DAMASCUS, HAD LONG CONFIDENTIAL

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TALK WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR YESTERDAY DURING

WHICH HE ASSURED HIM THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
SIGNED AND SEALED. THIS TENDS TO CONFIRM REPORTS
WE HAVE HEARD AND REPORTED
FROM OTHER SOURCES
INDICATING DELAY IS PART OF ACCEPTANCE PROCESS IN
THE LEBANON RATHER THAN SIGN OF SERIOUS DISAGREE-
MENT ON TERMS OF BASIC ACCORD. DAHDAH ALSO C N-
FIDED, HOWEVER, THAT PRES FRANGIE, WHEN HE GOES TO
SEE PRES ASAD IN DAMASCUS, WILL RAISE QUESTION OF
SYRIAN GUARANTEE. MORE ON THAT BY SEPTTEL.

3. GHASSAN TUEINI IS ACTIVE IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES,
ONE OF WHICH DECIDED THAT ARMY SHOULD ASSURE PRO-
TECTION OF VARIOUS FACTORIES THAT HAVE BEEN LOOTED
OR ARE IN DANGER OF BEING LOOTED IN BEIRUT AREA.

4. STREAM OF SHIITE MOSLEMS CONTINUES TO LEAVE
NABAA POCKET IN CHRISTIAN TERRITORY, PERHAPS HEADING
BACK SOUTH TO VILLAGES FROM TO WHICH MANY OF THEM MIGRATED
IN RECENT YEARS DUE TO RELATIVE INSECURITY IN
THE SOUTH. THIS REDUCES MOSLEM POCKET, AND IS SEEN
BY SOME AS ANOTHER SIGN OF DE FACTO PARTITION.
HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AN ISSUE CUR-
RENTLY IN THE FOREFRONT AND LARGE GROUPS OF CHRISTIANS
REMAIN INTERSPERSED IN MOSLEM-CONTROLLED COUNTRYSIDE
AS WELL AS MOSLEMS AND PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS
IN CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED AREAS.

5. WE ARE ALOS RECEIVING INDIVIDUULIZED REPORTS
WHICH CONFIRM IMPRESSION THAT SYRIAN OFFICERS HERE ARE UNDER
ORDERS TO BE IMPARTIAL IN APPLICATION OF CEASEFIRE
AND NOT REPEAT NOT FAVOR MOSLEM SIDE. CHRISTIAN POLITICAL
LEADERS ARE MEETING TODAY IN KASLIK, TO DISCUSS
THEIR AIMS IN CONTEXT OF THE AGREEMENT AS MOSLEM
LEADERS DID YESTERDAY IN ARAMOUN. WE CONTINUE TO
HAVE THE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT ASAD AND FRANGIE
WILL DECIDE SUCH ISSUES FOR THE TWO SIDES.

6. A DISCONCERTING EFFECT OF THE FIGHTING NOTED
BY THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION IS LARGE NUMBER
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OF DOCTORS AND TRAINED NURSES APPLYING FOR IMMIG-
RANT VISAS TO US, FOR WHICH THEY, OF COURSE,
IMMEDIATELY QUALIFY.

7. EMBASSY IS TAKING SUNDAY OFF TOMORROW TO CELE-
BRATE LOCAL DETENTE.
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